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SYSTEM WITH SUCTION CONTROL

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Sir:

This is in response to a first Office Action having a mailing date of July 5,  
2002, for which a shortened statutory period for response of three (3) months is set to  
expire on October 5, 2002.

Please amend the above-identified Application as follows.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

**Sub 1.7** (Amended) Apparatus for controlling a volume of surgical fluid present in a  
cavity in a body of a patient during surgery, comprising:

a conduit to said cavity for conducting said surgical fluid therefrom;

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